

160 [THE SOUL OF MAN.] *JVoscjs TEIPSUM*
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Since Body and Soul have such diversities;
 That the Well, might we muse, how first their
 match began ! created im-^{ut} that we learn, that
 He, that spread the skies fy^dSJd- And fixed the earth,
 first formed the Soul in Man,
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This true PROMETHEUS, first, made man of
 earth, And shed in him a beam of
 heavenly fire! Now, in their mother's
 womb, before their birth, Doth in all
 sons of men, their souls inspire 1

And as MINERVA is, in fables, said,
 From JOVE, without a mother, to
 proceed ; So our true JOVE,
 without a mother's aid, Doth,
 daily, millions of MINERVAS breed !

Then neither, from Eternity before,
 Enoneous Nor from the time, when time's first
 point began;

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 the crea- Made He all souls ' which now He
 keeps m store, so°uib^{of} Some in the moon,
 and others in the sun :

Nor in the secret cloister doth He keep,
 These virgin spirits until their marriage
 day ! Nor locks them up in chambers,
 where they sleep. Till they awake within
 these beds of clay !

Nor did He first a certain number make,
 Infusing part in beasts, and part in men !
 And as unwilling farther pains to take,
 Would make no more, than those He framed
 then !

So that the widow Soul, her Body dying,
 Unto the next born Body married was ;
 And so by often changing and supplying,
 Men's souls to beasts, and beasts' to men
 did pass.

(These thoughts are fond ! for since the
 bodies born Be more in number far
 than those that die; Thousands must
 be abortive, and forlorn ! Ere others'
 deaths, to them their souls supply.)